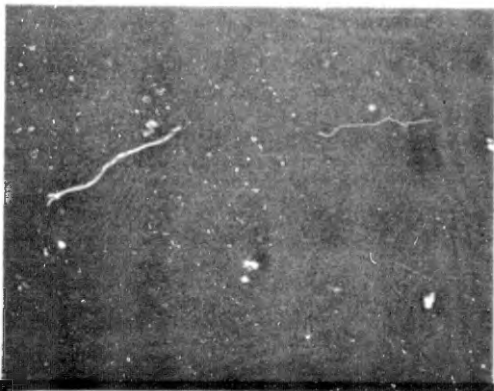


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# AUSTRALIA at a glance

1976



Values are shown in terms of Australian dollars (\$)

1964-65 1972-73 1973-74 1974-75

Population

Total population, June	'000	11,388	13,132	13,338	13,502
Births	"	224	256	244	240
Natural increase (births—deaths)	"	124	145	134	125
Overseas movement: excess of arrivals over departures	"	101	28	73	39
Permanent and long-term arrivals	"	181	192	204	173
Short-term visitors arriving	"	182	445	506	520
Students — school (August)	"	2,364	2,841	2,853	2,876
— university (April)	"	83	133	143	148
— college of advanced education (April)	"	24	62	107	123

Domestic product and national expenditure

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$m	19,598	41,830	50,669	59,003
Personal consumption expenditure	"	12,145	24,836	29,072	34,541
Food and drink	"	3,417	6,130	7,132	8,092
Household durables	"	962	1,877	2,397	2,860
Travel and communication	"	1,780	3,778	4,385	5,337
Gross fixed capital expenditure	"	5,269	10,055	11,920	14,152
Private	"	3,403	6,586	7,956	8,788
Public authorities	"	1,866	3,469	3,964	5,364
Gross farm product	"	2,187	3,052	4,478	3,623
GDP at 1966-67 prices	"	20,851	30,731	32,482	32,165
GDP per head (at current prices)	\$	1,374	2,577	3,132	3,769

Household income (aggregate)

Total	\$m	15,498	33,710	41,564	50,766
Wages, salaries and supplements	"	9,906	22,417	27,518	35,190
Unincorporated enterprises income	"	2,773	4,503	6,003	5,252
Transfers from general govt	"	1,118	2,694	3,321	4,619
Household disposable income		13,525	28,625	34,485	42,269

Government finance

Current receipts (all governments)	\$m	5,233	11,858	14,791	18,810
Federal Government taxes	"	3,819	8,470	10,918	14,214
Income tax, persons	"	1,569	4,084	5,485	7,709
companies	"	705	1,544	1,934	2,344
Customs and excise duties	"	900	1,782	2,159	2,570
Sales tax	"	363	764	969	1,154
State and local government taxes	"	803	2,272	2,768	3,505
Total outlay, current and capital (all governments)	"	6,022	13,346	16,094	22,380
Final consumption expenditure	"	2,043	5,441	6,756	9,092
Education	"	456	1,449	1,885	2,718
Defence	"	541	1,156	1,322	1,425
Gross fixed capital expenditure	"	1,846	3,416	3,916	5,305
Economic services	"	1,373	2,176	2,655	3,445
Housing and community amenities	"	180	382	467	669
Education	"	136	333	386	640

Primary production (excluding mining)		1964-65	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75
Gross value of production	\$m	n.a.	5,225	6,661	6,155
Crops	"	n.a.	1,570	2,798	3,142
Livestock slaughterings, etc.	"	n.a.	1,542	1,696	1,026
Livestock products	"	n.a.	1,830	1,853	1,663
Output					
Wheat	'000 tonnes	10,038	6,590	11,987	11,357
Wool	m kg	809	735	702	793
Meat	'000 tonnes	1,743	2,388	1,978	2,229
Mining production (a)					
Value added (b)	\$m	398	1,595	2,001	2,639
Output					
Metallic content of minerals					
Copper	'000 tonnes	106	199	257	236
Lead	"	381	385	380	417
Zinc	"	351	507	445	508
Iron	"	5,760	47,394	58,218	60,860
Bauxite	"	797	14,702	18,642	22,205
Black coal	"	27,841	59,693	59,478	70,142
Crude oil	'000 cu m	"	20,668	23,162	23,096
Natural gas	mil cu m	3	3,713	4,403	4,633
Manufacturing					
Value added (b)	\$m	5,897	10,746	13,149	
Metal products, transport equipment, machinery, etc.	"	2,486	4,333	5,528	
Food, beverages, tobacco	"	757	1,945	2,121	
Textiles, clothing, footwear	"	582	941	1,157	
Paper and products, printing	"	427	915	1,111	
Chemicals, petroleum products	"	505	886	1,078	
Output					
Ingot steel	'000 tonnes	5,213	7,209	7,707	8,063
Cement	"	3,806	5,097	5,330	5,066
Beer	m litres	1,250	1,786	1,901	1,957
Tobacco and cigarettes	m kg	26.6	30.4	30.7	31.7
Cars and station wagons	'000	279	371	399	361
Electricity output	m kWh	35,671	57,419	69,743	73,933
Building				(c)	(c)
New houses (number completed)	'000	84.5	108.8	104.9	97.0
Other new dwellings (number completed)	"	28.2	41.9	45.1	44.1
Value of new dwellings completed	\$m	623	1,845	2,143	2,454
Value of other buildings completed	"	643	1,445	1,533	1,784
Retail Sales (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	\$m	6,287	11,905	14,081	16,228

(a) Mining figures for 1964-65 relate to the calendar year 1964.

(b) Turnover, plus increase (or less decrease) in the value of stocks, less purchases, transfers in and selected expenses. Figures for 1964-65 relate to net value of production and are not comparable with figures for later years.

(c) Excludes alterations and additions from 1973-74.

Transport		1964-65	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75
Motor vehicles on register, June	'000	3,715	5,634	5,986	6,347
Cars and station wagons, June	"	2,792	4,376	4,627	4,900
Cars and station wagons per 1,000 persons, June	no.	245	333	347	363
New motor vehicles registered	'000				
Civil aviation (passenger km)			0001*	0.8	
Regular internal services	mil	2,638	5,843	7,001	7,579
Overseas services (Australian airlines)	"	2,458	6,775	8,653	9,434
Railways (Government)—					
Freight tonnes carried	'000	65,882	92,481	96,966	103,465
Passenger journeys	"	463,927	377,233	373,618	339,954
Labour force					
Civilian labour force, May—total	'000	4,669	5,676	5,845	5,940
—males	"	3,310	3,785	3,851	3,896
—females	"	1,358	1,891	1,995	2,044
Proportion of total labour force, May					
Manufacturing	%	28.1	23.8	23.6	22.1
Primary production (excl. mining)	"	9.9	7.1	6.8	6.6
Construction	"	8.6	8.8	9.1	9.2
Unemployed persons, May—total	'000	56	100	95	230
Registered job vacancies, June	"	45	55	62	26
Trade union membership, December	"	2,055	2,524	2,660	2,762
Industrial disputes, working days lost	"	964	2,573	5,426	3,957
Wages, weekly earnings and hours					
Wage rates index (base 1954 = 100)					
adult males, 30 June		142	264	337	399
Earnings (per employed male unit)	\$	55.50	101.50	118.00	148.40
Hours (incl. overtime), adult males, private employees, October		42.8	42.9	43.1	42.0
Price Indexes					
Consumer (6 capital cities)	1966-67 = 100	94	130	147	171
Export	1959-60 = 100	105	134	160	181
Building materials					
House	1966-67 = 100	n.a.	131.1	151.3	183.4
Other	1966-67 = 100	n.a.	128.9	145.8	179.2
Manufacturing materials used	1968-69 = 100	n.a.	113.9	134.7	145.1
Balance of payments					
Balance on current account	\$m	-786	746	-836	-1,076
Trade balance (B.O.P. basis)	"	-165	2,207	941	805
Balance on invisibles	"	-621	-1,461	-1,777	-1,880
Capital account: net apparent capital inflow	"	489	325	397	611
Overseas investment in Australian companies	"	585	457	472	845
Australian investment overseas	"	15	111	188	109
Net monetary movements	"	-297	1,071	-439	-465

## Overseas trade

1964 65 1972 73 1973 74 1974 75

Total exports, f.o.b.	\$m	2,651	6,214	6,910	8,673
Total imports, f.o.b.	"	2,905	4,121	6,085	8,083
Percentage of total exports to Japan	%	16.6	31.1	31.2	27.6
U.K.	"	19.5	9.7	6.6	5.5
U.S.A.	"	10.0	12.2	10.9	9.6
Percentage of total imports from Japan	"	8.9	17.9	17.8	17.6
U.K.	"	26.2	18.6	13.9	15.0
U.S.A.	"	23.8	20.9	22.2	20.6
Major export commodities, f.o.b.					
Wool (greasy)	\$m	721	1,064	1,062	364
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)	"	260	828	761	444
Wheat	"	297	273	517	1,034
Machinery and transport equipment	"	106	498	446	565
Iron ore and concentrates	"	0.8	439	499	706
Coal, coke and briquettes	"	52	295	348	661
Sugar	"	113	250	224	664
Major import commodities, f.o.b.					
Machinery (non-electrical)	"	506	687	888	1,358
Road motor vehicles	"	257	339	506	778
Petroleum and petroleum products	"	241	175	377	475

## Finance

Trading bank deposits, June balances	"	4,746	11,073	12,714	14,936
Savings bank deposits, June balances	"	4,887	10,238	11,196	12,795
Trading bank advances at June	"	2,631	7,856	10,120	11,205
Finance companies, balances outstanding, June	"	1,821	5,664	7,856	8,105
Housing advances					
Savings banks (loans approved to individuals)	"	n.a.	1,104	1,167	1,768
Permanent building societies (loans approved)	"	n.a.	1,181	782	737
Australian Government expenditure					
Aust. Govt. — State housing finance	"	115	180	226	412
Defence Service Homes (capital)	"	70	74	102	130
Life insurance: sum insured on new policies	"	2,482	9,547	11,332	13,659
Net capital raisings of company sector—shares	"	199	266	338	215
—debentures, secured loans	"	194	647	1,330	988
Rate on long-term Australian Govt securities, June	% p.a.	5.25	6.99	9.49	9.50

## Notes

Important components of the principal aggregates are indicated by indentation.

Generally, figures are for the period 1 July—30 June; where indicated, they are for a specific month within the period.

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In those cases where all components are shown, any discrepancies between sums of components and totals are due to rounding.

States of Australia (1974-75 figures)		N. S. W.	Vic.	Qld
Area	'000 sq km	802	228	1,727
Population (June 1975)	'000	4,790	3,873	1,997
Crops (area sown)	'000 hectares	4,120	1,779	1,949
Number of sheep	mil	55.0	26.4	13.9
Number of cattle	"	8.9	6.2	10.9
Output				
Wool (grossy basis)	m kg	254.3	185.5	66.2
Wheat for grain	'000 tonnes	3,809	2,091	692
Beef and veal	"	442	403	431
Mutton and lamb	"	182	184	23
Whole milk	m litres	958	3,745	655
Copper (metallic content)	'000 tonnes	14	"	168
Lead (metallic content)	"	257	"	142
Zinc (metallic content)	"	302	"	133
Iron (metallic content)	"	"	"	"
Bauxite	"	10	"	10,849
Coal (brown in Victoria)	"	42,482	25,533	23,845
Value of production (gross)				
Agriculture	\$m	1,643.8	1,273.9	1,222.7
Forestry (gross value)	"	51.5	44.5	25.2
Value added				
Mining	"	627	469	670
Manufacturing (1973-74 figures)	"	5,184	4,545	1,220
Household income per person	\$	3,892	3,881	3,571

Capital cities		Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane
Population (June 1975)	'000	2,923	2,661	959
Average annual rainfall	mm	1,215	661	1,157
Average daily hours of sunshine		6.7	5.7	7.5
Temperature				
January, average maximum	°C	25.7	25.8	29.4
average minimum	"	18.3	13.9	20.6
July, average maximum	"	15.8	13.3	20.3
average minimum	"	7.8	5.7	9.4

Exchange Rate of \$A1 — Average for January 1976 (selling rates)

U. K. 62 new pence	U. S. A. U.S. \$1.26	Japan 384 Yen	New Zealand N.Z. \$1.204
Germany (F. R.) 3.28 D.M.	Canada Can. \$1.27	France 5.63 Francs	Italy 860 Lire

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984	2,526	68	1,346	2	7,682
1,234	1,123	406	88	192	13,502
2,257	3,754	69	8	1	13,936
17.6	34.5	4.1	..	..	151.7
1.9	2.5	0.9	1.4	..	32.8
107.5	179.5	18.9	..	0.5	792.9
1,486	3,277	2	..	..	11,357
85	106	48	13	5	1,534
55	76	17	..	3	520
426	242	461	..	3	6,489
10	4	29	10	..	236
12	..	18	..	..	417
12	..	61	..	..	508
1,853	57,289	1,426	80	..	60,860
..	7,115	..	4,231	..	22,205
1,798	1,879	138	..	..	95,675
701.9	833.1	139.5	11.7	4.5	5,831.0
13.5	14.3	49.3	..	1.1	199.4
75	654	73	69	2	2,639
1,110	658	340	51	40	13,149
3,619	3,543	3,334	included in S.A.	included in N.S.W.	3,769

Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
899	787	164	32	189
531	879	633	1,536	639
6.9	7.9	5.9	8.5	7.2
29.6	29.5	21.4	32.2	27.5
16.4	17.6	11.5	25.0	12.9
15.0	17.3	11.4	30.4	11.1
7.3	9.0	4.4	19.6	-0.3

#### Characteristics of Occupied Private Dwellings—Census 30 June 1971

Total occupied dwellings	No.	3,670,553
Owner-occupied dwellings	%	67.3
Persons per dwelling	No.	3.3
Dwellings with gas and/or electricity	%	98.6
Dwellings with television	%	77.8

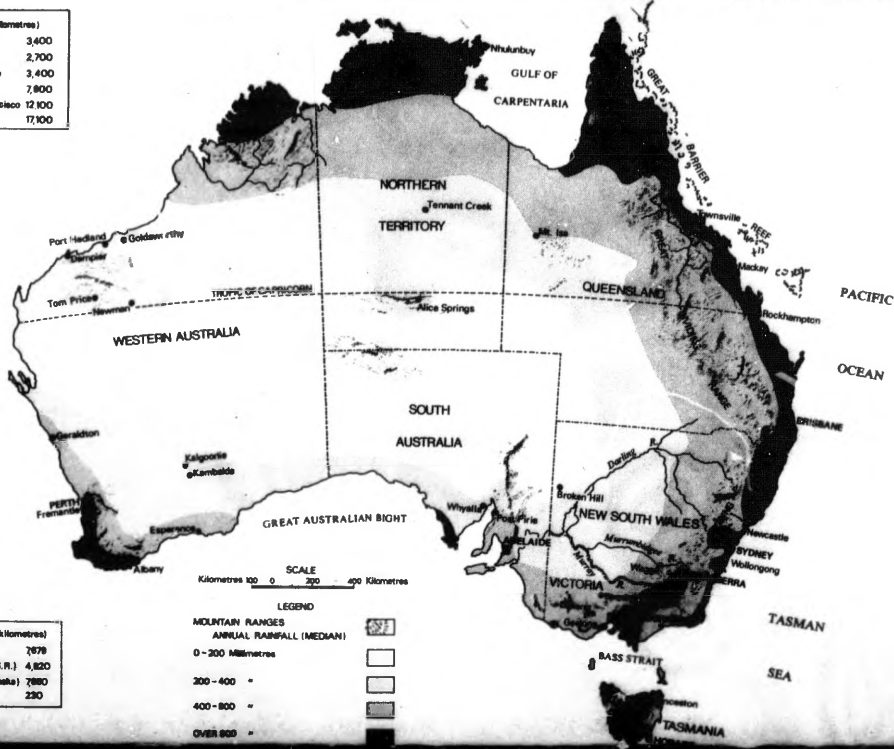
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# DISTANCES (kilometres)

Sydney-Perth	3,400
Adelaide-Darwin	2,700
Darwin-Singapore	3,400
Sydney-Tokyo	7,800
Sydney-San Francisco	12,100
Sydney-London	17,100

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# AREA ('000 sq kilometres)

Australia	7,679
Europe (excl. U.S.S.R.)	4,820
U.S.A. (excl. Alaska)	7,880
United Kingdom	230